

Introduced by Senator Margett

February 8, 2002

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 64—Relative to the Police Officer Louie Pompei Memorial Interchange.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 64, as introduced, Margett. Police Officer Louie Pompei Memorial Interchange.

This measure would name the interchange of State Highway Route 30 and Interstate Highway Route 210 as the Police Officer Louie Pompei Memorial Interchange. The measure also would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate plaques and markers showing the special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect appropriate plaques and markers.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, Louis A. Pompei, or “Louie” as friends knew
2 him, was born on August 4, 1964, in Shenandoah, Pennsylvania,
3 and was raised in the Mahanoy area of Pennsylvania where he
4 graduated from high school in 1982; and

5 WHEREAS, Officer Pompei graduated from Mansfield
6 University, Pennsylvania, in 1986 with a Bachelor of Arts degree
7 in Criminal Justice Administration; and

8 WHEREAS, Officer Pompei was hired as a Police Officer
9 trainee by the Glendora Police Department on October 12, 1987,
10 graduated from the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Academy on
11 March 4, 1988, and worked in the Patrol Division of the Glendora

1 Police Department from 1988 to 1992 where he developed an
2 enthusiasm for working narcotics cases; and

3 WHEREAS, Officer Pompei worked as a narcotics investigator
4 in the Detective Division of the Glendora Police Department from
5 1992 to 1995; and

6 WHEREAS, Officer Pompei was assigned to a position with
7 L.A. IMPACT, a major crimes multijurisdictional task force,
8 composed of officers from agencies throughout the county,
9 primarily dedicated to investigating major drug suppliers through
10 Southern California; and

11 WHEREAS, Officer Pompei was a physical fitness buff, and
12 body builder, who earned a silver medal in the bodybuilding
13 competition of the 1994 California Police Olympics, and who was
14 a runner on the Glendora-Monrovia-Arcadia Police relay team,
15 which annually competes in the Baker to Vegas 120-mile
16 Challenge Cup relay race; and

17 WHEREAS, People who knew him remember Officer Pompei
18 for his love of life, contagious enthusiasm, positive and outgoing
19 attitude, and generous, helpful, and dependable personality; and

20 WHEREAS, Officer Pompei made the ultimate sacrifice while
21 protecting and serving the people of California on Friday, June 9,
22 1995; and

23 WHEREAS, On that date, while off duty in a Vons Market in Via
24 Verde, Officer Pompei attempted to stop an armed robbery
25 takeover in which a box boy was being pistol whipped; and

26 WHEREAS, While trying to stop the armed robbery, Officer
27 Pompei died in a fire fight, loyal to the Law Enforcement Code of
28 Ethics which states in pertinent part, “As a law enforcement
29 officer, my fundamental duty is to serve mankind; safeguard lives
30 and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak
31 against oppression or intimidation and the peaceful against
32 violence or disorder”; and

33 WHEREAS, Officer Pompei died as he had lived, as a hero
34 upholding the ideal of protecting those who could not protect
35 themselves; and

36 WHEREAS, Officer Pompei’s coworkers, friends, and family
37 deeply feel his loss and will never forget his love of life and his
38 enthusiasm for his profession; now, therefore, be it

39 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
40 *thereof concurring*, That the interchange where State Highway

1 Route 30 connects with Interstate Highway Route 210 be officially
2 named the Police Officer Louie Pompei Memorial Interchange;
3 and be it further

4 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested to
5 determine the cost of appropriate plaques and markers, consistent
6 with the signing requirements for the state highway system,
7 showing this special designation, and upon receiving donations
8 from nonstate sources sufficient to cover that cost, to erect those
9 plaques and markers; and be it further

10 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
11 this resolution to the Director of Transportation and to the author
12 for appropriate distribution.

